



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

June 16, 2021

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.60, down 0.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs is about unchanged and continues to track below average. Increased retail activity into the next ad cycle at attractive ad pricing may offer some stimulus to consumer buying. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs remain weak as supplies continue to be moderate to heavy. Offerings are more than sufficient for current needs and trading is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are unsettled as moderate to heavy supplies are tempering interest in more than adequate offerings. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are barely steady with moderate offerings and fully adequate supplies. Trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a robust increase in activity with a sharp drop in the average ad price as retailers offer strong incentives to move product.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	314,241,629	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	2.5%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	306,422,767	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	82.3%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	252,117,910	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	78,732,823	(31.23% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	173,385,087	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	481,625	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

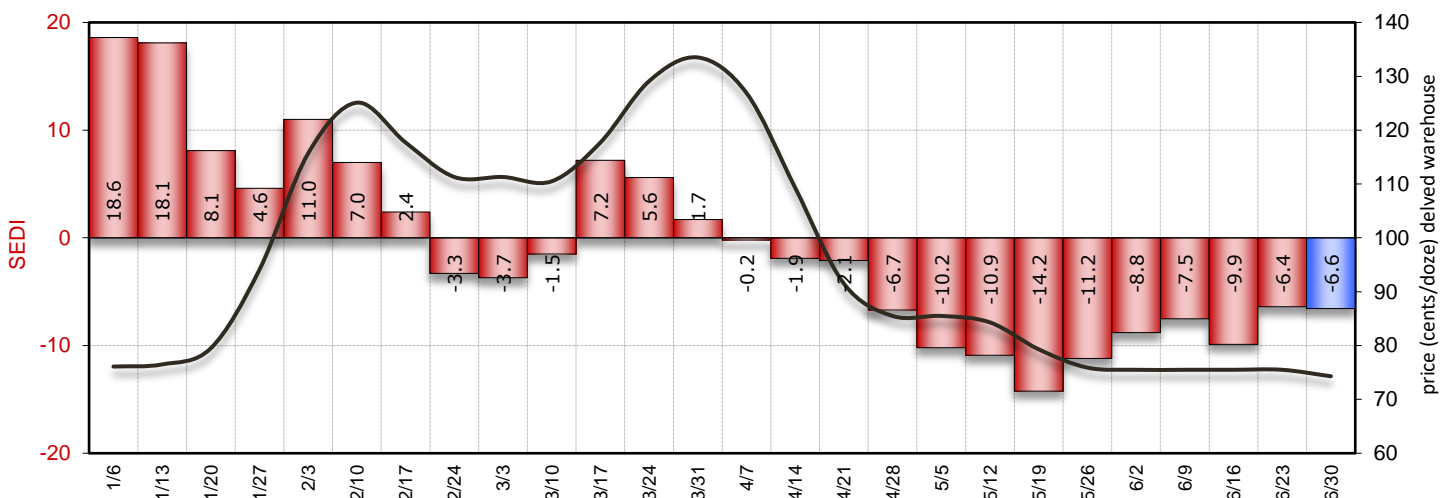
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,571,400	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	63.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	303,424	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%)) (758,560 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.84	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.18	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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-6.60 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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